

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 15-20 and 27 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 5 is amended. The amendments to claim 5 introduce no new matter. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

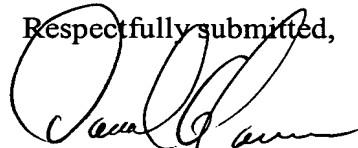
Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below; and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to a §112 rejection raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 6, states that claims 1-4, 15-20 and 27 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the allowance of the enumerated claims.

The Office Action, in paragraph 5, rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 5 is amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 5, in addition to the previously allowed claims 1-4, 15-20 and 27, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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